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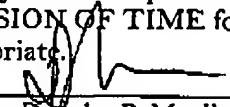
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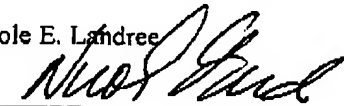
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/798,149, filed March 10, 2004. A copy of the specification for the above mentioned application is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Please charge deposit account 50-3478 in the amount of \$180.00 for the prescribed fee.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

JP 5-21045 was previously submitted on December 17, 2003 (with abstract) in an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-mentioned application and is the equivalent of JP 3049854.

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